

tremendous speed. They say that it is as if you had one of these little balloons which has ~~ap~~ a picture on the outside. And you blow up the balloon; and as you blow it up every part of the picture gets farther away from every other part of the picture. And if you had little strings inside the balloon with little knots on them, or something, they also, ~~if~~ they were rubber, of course, they also, if you blew it up, would get farther, ~~EVERY~~ every one from every other part. Well, they that's the way the universe is expanding; that's the present scientific theory. Well, ^{now} the Bible doesn't give us that theory. But the Bible suggests it, and it fits with it, and I was so interested lately to note ~~that~~ that; that there are about eight times where the prophets in the Old Testament speak of God as the one who stretches out the heavens. And in one case this is in the tense we call the "perfect"; it shows something that has happened. He has stretched out the heavens, but in all the rest of the cases it's in the participle, showing ~~continuous~~ continuous action. God is the one who is stretching out the heavens. You couldn't learn about the ~~expanding~~ expanding universe from that. But you find ^{in it} that when you get this from astronomy it just fits with the statement here in the Scripture.

Now when they began to advance these theories about the Old Testament, in the earliest days, long before Wellhausen, it was thought that writing was unknown in the times ^{of,} in Old Testament days. Later on they found that there's a great deal of writing that we have from hundreds of years before the time of Moses. ^{then, of} But ~~xxxx~~ ^{some} ^{yes,} ^{course} would say, well, ~~of-course,~~ but in Palestine, would you have had writing in Palestine that early? Well, a very interesting thing was noticed here. If you will turn to the Book of Judges for a minute. Turn to the Book of Judges, the eighth chapter. And there in the eighth chapter of the Book of Judges you read about how Gideon was pursuing the Midianites. And as he pursued them he came by the town of Succoth, and the people refused to help him. And he said, I am going to ~~punish this town~~ punish this town when I come back. And they made fun of him. They said, ~~you'll~~ "you'll never conquer these Midianites." But he did. And then he came back. And when he came back he decided to reconnoiter and know what he was doing before he attacked